IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a data reception unit;

a rule decision processing unit configured to determine whether data processing based on a data processing request received via the data reception unit is to be executed; and

a data processing unit configured to execute data processing based on the determination of the rule decision processing unit, wherein

the rule decision processing unit is configured to execute determination processing for determining whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on ~~data for determination included in the data processing request received via the data reception unit~~ a rule deciding condition descriptor, and the rule deciding condition descriptor is determined based on a probability value.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein:

said ~~data for determination is a probability value as a~~ rule deciding condition descriptor is included in a data processing request; and

said rule decision processing unit is configured to generate a ~~execute~~ random number ~~generation processing,~~ and to execute determining processing for determining whether or not the processing according to a processing request is to be executed based on a comparison

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between ~~a~~ the generated random number and ~~the probability value~~ said rule deciding

condition descriptor.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to

claim 9, wherein:

said ~~data for determination is data processing request storing data~~ rule deciding

condition descriptor is included in a data processing request; and

said rule decision processing unit is configured to perform hash value calculation

processing based on the data processing request storing data, and to execute determining

processing for determining whether or not the processing according to a processing request is

to be executed based on a comparison between a calculated hash value and a setting value set

in its own apparatus in advance.

Claims 13-20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A data processing method for analyzing a data

processing request received via a data reception unit, and for determining whether the data

processing request is to be executed, comprising:

a rule decision processing step for determining whether data processing based on the

data processing request is to be executed; and

a data processing step for executing data processing based on the determination of the

rule decision processing step, wherein

the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according

to the processing request is to be executed based on ~~data for determination included in the~~

~~data processing request received via the data reception unit~~ a rule deciding condition

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descriptor, and the rule deciding condition descriptor is determined based on a probability value.

Claim 22 (Canceled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The data processing method according to claim 21, wherein:

said ~~data for determination is a probability value that is a~~ rule deciding condition descriptor is included in the data processing request; and

said rule decision processing step ~~executes~~ generates a random number ~~generation processing,~~ and determines whether or not the processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on a comparison between ~~a~~ the generated random number and the ~~probability value~~ said rule deciding condition descriptor.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The data processing method according to claim 21, wherein:

said ~~data for determination is data processing request storing data~~ rule deciding condition descriptor is included in the data processing request; and

said rule decision processing step executes hash value calculation processing based on the data processing request storing data, and determines whether or not processing according to the processing request is to be executed based on a comparison between a calculated hash value and a setting value set in its own apparatus in advance.

Claim 25 (Canceled).

Claim 26 (Canceled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A computer program for analyzing a data processing

request received via a data reception unit, and for determining whether the data processing

request is to be executed, comprising:

a rule decision processing step for determining whether the data processing based on

the data processing request is to be executed; and

a data processing step for executing the data processing based on the determination of

the rule decision processing step, wherein

the rule decision processing step determines whether or not the processing according

to the processing request is to be executed based on ~~data for determination included in the~~

~~data processing request received via the data reception unit~~ a rule deciding condition

descriptor, and the rule deciding condition descriptor is determined based on a probability

value.